

84A.15 Regional industry sector partnerships.

1. A community college and the department of workforce development may use moneys for the pathways for academic career and employment program to provide staff and support for the development and implementation of a regional industry sector partnership within each region served by each community college. For purposes of [this section](#), “community college” means the same as defined in [section 260C.2](#).

2. A regional industry sector partnership may engage in but is not limited to the following activities:

a. Collaborating with representatives from industry sectors, government, education, local workforce boards, community-based organizations, labor, economic development organizations, and other stakeholders within the regional labor market to determine how pathways for academic career and employment projects should address workforce skills gaps, occupational shortages, and wage gaps.

b. Integrating pathways for academic career and employment projects and other existing supply-side strategies with workforce needs within the region served by the community college in that region.

c. Developing pathways for academic career and employment projects that focus on the workforce skills, from entry level to advanced, required by industry sectors within the region served by the community college.

d. Structuring pathways so that instruction and learning workforce skills are aligned with industry-recognized standards where such standards exist.

3. The department of workforce development shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to implement [this section](#).

[2013 Acts, ch 141, §47](#)

[C2014, §260H.7B](#)

[2023 Acts, ch 19, §2195, 2197; 2023 Acts, ch 110, §19](#)

[C2024, §84A.15](#)

Referred to in [§256.125, 256.136](#)

A regional industry sector partnership entered into by a community college under former section 260H.7B on or before June 30, 2023, shall be valid and continue per the agreement between the community college and the partnership; [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2198](#)

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